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NUCLEIC ACID MULTIPLEX FORMATION For:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed May 18, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, up to and including August 18, 2004, for the purpose of permitting the timely filing of the attached Appeal Brief.

Authorization to charge the additional fee of \$55.00 for the one-month extension of time for a small entity, and/or any additional fees associated with this Petition For Extension of Time is granted in the attached Fee Transmittal Form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Please charge or credit our Account No. 03-0075 as necessary to effect entry and/or ensure consideration of this submission.

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